

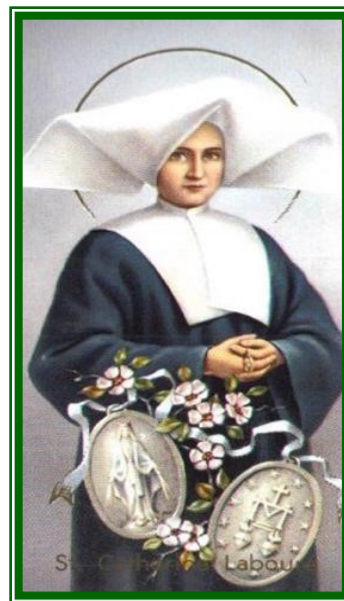
# St Catherine Labouré GyMEA Parish



## The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

13 / 14 January 2024

Year B



Dear Parishioners, The Church certainly looks a little 'emptier' with the removal of the crib and lights. I would like to take this opportunity, once again, to thank the incredible parishioners who dedicated their time and talents to beautifying our Church throughout the Christmas season. Along with a number of others, I was blessed to be able to have a few spiritual conversations with non-Catholic-locals who came to visit the parish intentionally. Everything we do here at St Cath's has to have the salvation of souls as our first priority. That is why we exist. As we now move into "Ordinary Time" – the green colour reminds us of our call to grow in faith and holiness –, I would like to reiterate my call for every parishioner to consider how you might give your time and talents to build-up God's Kingdom here in GyMEA. The more each of us begins to see our parish as our true (spiritual) home and the more we all develop a sense of being part of a true parish family, the more each of us should cultivate a desire to give of ourselves to the mission. Of course, and I mean this wholeheartedly, the best way we can give of ourselves is making sure we're trying to become saints. Prayer, recourse to the sacraments (especially Sunday Mass and confession), and spreading truth and mercy are the most important things we can do. However, we all have other unique gifts and talents that God has given us. If you're not currently involved in a parish ministry or initiative, why not pray to Our Lord and ask Him to guide you to think about how you might serve the Church in 2024 and help bring "new life" to our community? Speaking of "new life", a reminder again that we have approximately 15 candidates enrolled in our RCIA program. This is a truly encouraging sign! If you or anyone you know would like to become a Catholic, please ask them to contact the parish office asap. God bless you! Fr Greg

### NOTICES

- As many families and parishioners are away from our parish in January, we will have a reduced bulletin until February. If you are travelling, we wish you a safe return.
- The Parish Office is operating at reduced operating hours during January. The office will be attended Monday, 15 Jan, Tuesday, 16 Jan, & Thursday, 25 Jan from 9 am to 12:30 pm. The emails and phone are monitored so please email [office@stcaths.org.au](mailto:office@stcaths.org.au) or call and leave a message.
- Wardens for weekend masses for Saturday Vigil 5pm, the 7.30am, 9.30am and 5pm Sundays, please email parish office on [office@stcaths.org.au](mailto:office@stcaths.org.au). We are organising a roster for future weekend collections and upcoming Easter Weekend masses.
- An evening with Dr Christopher West. Following Dr Christopher West's Made for More presentation earlier this year, he returns to Sydney to dive deeper with families to rediscover authentic masculinity and femininity. This not-to-be-missed one-night presentation will provide a hopeful and redemptive understanding of our creation's original and glorious meaning as male and female. **Saturday, 20 January 2024** @ Liverpool Catholic Church. 7 pm-9.30 pm.
- Lent will soon be upon us. **Ash Wednesday** is on **14 February** this year. The parish will once again host a series of "Lenten Lectures" and various other opportunities for prayer, formation, and catechesis.
- CWL - planning meeting for 2024 - **Thursday 25th January** in the parish conference room starting at **7pm**.

**In your charity, please pray for our recently deceased (and those whose anniversaries occur at this time);**

*Georgina Dorigo, Geanne Mirabatur, Bernard (Bernie) Hollamby, Alexander Newton, William Mason, Elizabeth Richards, Nancy Casey (9th),*

*Owen Monkhouse (4th)*

***We pray for all the sick of our Parish Community and their carers. Especially:***

*Joan Abel, Elaine Bain, Catherine Bassiuni, Gerry Banister, Fr Briffa, Baby Theodore Bristow, Pamela Buckley, Patricia Butler, Greg Byrne,*

*Peter Cobcroft, Noeline Conyngham, Elaine Coughlan, Patricia Cutcliffe, Ludovic D'Lima, Joanne Davies, Kath Dowd, Dorothy Fraser-Bell,*

*Jeff Greenaway, Patricia Gordon, Melina Grieco, Maree Hinton, Martin Iffland, Phoebe Jablonski, Louisa James, Matthew Johnston, Deidre Jones (choir member),*

*Linden Kelleher, Jim Klingberg, Helen McKellaheer, Peter Logue, Evie Morgan, Anthony Morris, Maree Norton, Vaska Petrova, Steve Porter, Julia Quach,*

*Marié Rayner, Tony Ryan, Maria Sellaro, Evelyn Spiteri, Elaine Townsend, Yin Kwan Tsang, June Walker, Jon Weaver, Lindy Webb, Maree Whitaker, Gary Wood,*

*Beverley Young; and those who care for them.*

**PARISH DIRECTORY:**

**Parish Priest:** Reverend Doctor Gregory Morgan  
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**MASS TIMES**

**Monday - Saturday** 9.15 am  
**Saturday** 5 pm Vigil Mass  
**Sunday** 7:30 am, 9:30 am & 5 pm

**CONFESSION TIMES**

**Mondays - Saturdays**  
*Before and after every weekday Mass (including Saturdays)*  
**On Saturdays** 4:30 pm - 4:55 pm

**ADORATION TIMES**

**Tuesdays - Saturdays**  
 8:30 am - 9:10 am  
*(Fridays and Saturdays:*  
**9:00 am Benediction)**



*20 / 21 January 2024      Year B Ordinary Time*  
***The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time***

	Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm	Sunday 7.30 am	Sunday 9.30 am	Sunday Evening 5.00 pm
<b>Acolytes &amp; Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:</b>	Jim Gothard Margaret Morris Margaret Reid	Sam Keir Jonathan Varga Frank Tierney	Andrew Monsiff Carole Venier Barbara Foster	David Gormley Amelia Paras Julie Banister
<b>1st Reader &amp; Psalm:</b>	Maureen Pocock	Adele Greenaway	Michele Anthony	Julie Banister
<b>2nd Reader &amp; Intercessions:</b>	Margaret Graham	Adele Greenaway	Jowe Esguerra	Ronald Paras

**The Altar Society: Group 3:**  
 Norma Wong & Aurora Hall.

**In The Counting House:**  
*Ray Brennan, Denis O’Brien, Bob Taylor, Bob Greenwood, Barry Elliott & Peter Black*



May God and our Lady of Lourdes care for and protect us all.

**Audio-Visual Operators:** Pauline / Mark      Natalie      Hugh      Faye & James  
 NO SENIOR CHOIR      Jenni & Dolly  
 SCHOOL CHOIR

**The Clean Team: Group C:** St Vincent de Paul.